'LUXEMBOURG LAUNCHES FREE TRANSPORT'

Free transport for all makes life better … in many ways.

From March 1ˢᵗ, 2020, Luxembourg became the first country to make all public transport free. This was done to ease congestion caused by commuters travelling within the tiny principality, as well as to and from neighbouring countries.

The reaction from many was: *"Wow! Really? What a brilliant idea! Why can't larger countries do the same? It makes so much sense."*

One positive take-away from the Covid-19 pandemic – quite opposite to the negativity generally associated with the virus – relates to transport. Scientific research shows that imposition of lockdowns has meant an absence of fuel burning vehicles on our streets. This has caused a drastic reduction in exhaust emissions and a corresponding decrease in air pollution. This in turn equates to healthier environments and healthier people.

Free transport encourages commuters to use public systems, such as trains, trams, and buses causing a reduction in individual vehicle use. The resulting improvement in air quality means healthier lives and less hospital admissions. At the same time, our local environment is improved due to a decline in acid rains and our planetary wellbeing is assisted through a decrease in toxic gases going into the atmosphere, so helping us to tackle the climate crisis..

The negative aspect of less income for the public purse is more than cancelled out by the positives accruing to a region, its people … and the planet we all inhabit.

IN SHORT: A WIN-WIN SITUATION!